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1. the following commercial transactions took place between Albania and the various Soviet - satellite countries during May and early June, 1952:

- 25X1 a. Prague claimed that chrome ore shipped via the SS KONDOV¹ and SS RODINA in May was of low quality. Albanian authorities rejected the claim and intimated that the samples in question were not taken from the ore loaded at Durres.
- 25X1 b. Albanian authorities have been informed that the manufacture of "S.T.N." locomotives, type "TKT-48", ordered by Albania from Poland would be suspended at the end of the year. It was suggested that a new order for four locomotives, to be consigned in 1953, be placed.
- 25X1 c. During the last week in May, Albanian authorities were informed that a transmitter, ordered from Hungary, for a new meteorological station was ready for delivery.
- 25X1 d. Albanian authorities were informed that during May, 1952, the Soviet vessels SS STEPAN KHALTURIN and SS PETR VELIKI loaded 3100 tons and 400 tons of cargo, respectively. According to Soviet figures, this left 12000 tons of cargo to be transported during June.
- e. Polish authorities were informed that the Albanian import organization had an urgent order for 50 tons of dynamite and an unspecified quantity of calcium carbide.
- f. In early June, Albanian authorities asked the competent Soviet office if it would be possible to change the plans of the Vlone cement factory in order to reduce excavation work which otherwise would be required.

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g. The Albanian import authorities were concerned over the fact that Avtol-18 shipped via the SS MANGALIA¹ had been placed in leaky barrels when loaded in a Rumanian port; it was stated that a claim would be made for the loss.

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